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Time for Action

The Board of Supervisors of Frederick County, at a special meeting held on January 28 adopted unanimously a resolution that no part of the 25 cent state tax on land and intangible personal property, repealed effective January 1, 1927, will be reimposed in that county, thus giving a direct reduction to the tax payers in Frederick County of 25 cents per $100 of assessed value, or a 15 per cent reduction in the total tax bill.

"I am greatly gratified by this action," said Governor Byrd today, "indicating the determination of the Frederick County Board of Supervisors to co-operate with the State in the program of efficiency, and to relieve the tax burden to the fullest extent.

"It is my hope and belief that the local authorities throughout Virginia will take similar action and enable, by greater efficiency in local government, the maximum of tax reduction. I stand ready to co-operate with the local officials in every practical manner. If the localities reimpose the 25 cents state tax repealed, the tax payers will be denied the reduction made possible by the new tax plan.

"One-third of the tax burden in Virginia is due to state levies, and two-thirds to local levies. Since 1913 our national wealth has increased 76 per cent. Virginia is more fortunate than other states who have contracted bond issues of large amounts. Every intelligent person must feel a keen apprehension as to the increase in recent years of state, local and federal taxes. With a commensurate increase in the next ten years the burden of taxation will become unbearable.

"Low taxes are the best advertisement any state can have. Virginia, by reason of its pay-as-you-go plan, can have one of the lowest tax rates in the union, without retarding progress. Let us by efficient operation of our state and local government give a guarantee not only to our residents, but to outside capital, that our taxes will be lower than other states and our progress made with efficiency.

"Under the new tax plan the public school will not only not have a reduction, as has been stated, but will receive an increase amounting to $60,000 annually.

"I will be glad, upon request, to furnish full information as to the effect of the new tax plan upon each locality I appeal to the Virginia people to take an interest in the conduct of their state and local government, so that the mandate of public opinion will direct those in public office to conduct the affairs entrusted to their charge with due economy and efficiency.

"We have talked much about tax reduction. The time has come for action. The people have full power to decide the issue."

Amen, so say we all. The Appomattox Board has published no date for discussion of its budget, but will meet next Wednesday and consider the budget and will later hold a public meeting for discussing same.

C. F. James, H. C. Johnson, Herbert Polliam, J. R. Lawson, W. W. Scott, W. F. Woolfolk, and wife, will attend Grand Lodge in Richmond next week.

Prompt Relief Wanted

The proposed Great Lakes-to-the Sea shipway was pictured as the medium through which Middle Western industry and agriculture will be released from the bondage of high freight rates and the farmers of the West rescued from the scourge of economic depression, in a report made to Secretary of Commerce Hoover by a committee of experts today.

The commission, composed of transportation authorities appointed by Hoover to study the economic phases of the proposed St. Lawrence River Ship Canal, declared that the project would:

Move the Middle West 1,000 miles nearer foreign markets.

Remove transportation distortion caused by the opening of the Panama Canal and by postwar increases in railroad freight costs.

Cut the cost of grain carriage from the Middle West to London by from 36 4 to 54 5 per cent.

Increased freight rates since the war have caused a migration of certain industries to the seaboard and brought about an increased separating, the report states.

Based on the cost of moving a ton of freight, building of the Panama Canal has moved Chicago 336 cents farther away from the Pacific Coast than before the war, while New York through the beneficial low water rates has moved 324 cents closer to the Pacific Coast for the same reason, the report declares. The commission concluded:

The Panama Canal cannot be closed. Railroad rates cannot be reduced without impairing the usefulness of the carriers. But a Great Lakes-to-the-Ocean waterway offers the Midwest a substantial rate of advantage which will enable it to compete successfully once more in the markets of the world."

Eighteen States will benefit by the project, the report said. They are: Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Oklahoma, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York and adjacent territory.

The completion of another canal will come too late to save the present suffering farmer. What he needs is prompt relief from ruination.

If the farmer is forced back to pre-war prices for his products, why in the name of heaven don't the industrials, transportation companies, and other favored endeavors be forced to take the same road along with the farmers. With hungry millions, the farmer's products decaying on the land because the freight rates take all the profit, and the hungry world is under fed. Railroads and industrials are declaring enormous dividends and the Interstate Commerce Commission is afraid to offer the farmer relief—It might impair the usefulness of these carriers. Such rot is an insult to the intelligent producer of wealth. Put the transportation companies back with the farmers—to pre-war rates. That will help us market our products and feed the hungry.

Walter Woolridge last one of his horses today and the other one is sick

Boy, 11, Worries Along on $85,250 a Year

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.—After Joel W. Thorne, Jr., says what he owes for taxes each year his annual income is whittled down to a mere $85,250. It was revealed, but as Joel is only eleven years old, he manages somehow to make this suffice.

The revelation attended application by the boy's guardians to County Judge Arnold for an order permitting them to sell thirty-one acres he owns in Washington township, Dutchess county.

Young Thorne is the son of the late Joel Wolfe Thorne, banker, who was killed in an automobile accident in 1924, a few hours after obtaining a divorce from the boy's mother, Mary Casey Thorne.

Floridan, 111, Seeks to Prove He's Monroe's Son

New York.—A locket said to contain a copy of a painting of Mrs. James Monroe, wife of the fifth president of the United States, may establish the claim of Maj. James Edward Monroe, one hundred and eleven years old, of Jacksonville, Fla., that he is the son of President Monroe. History shows that President Monroe had only two children, both girls, Eliza and Maria.

Major Monroe asserts all the papers to prove his claim were lost or stolen from him in 1914 in Jacksonville. All he has left is the small locket which contains a copy of a painting of Mrs. Monroe by Benjamin West, which is reproduced in several biographies of the President.

LOST FORTUNES LYING IN BANKS

Owners and Heirs Are Difficult to Find.

New York.—A neat fortune in unclaimed savings lies in the vaults of New York banks awaiting trace of depositors.

The spendes of "doaters" the world over, from diverging sources and in varying amounts, add to the total which, in one bank alone, has climbed to six figures.

Hundreds of depositors have visited banks never to return. They have left their savings and gone, possibly to death, without leaving record of their moves.

Owners and heirs to this fortune are hard to find, says Herbert K. Twitchell, president of the Seaman's Bank for Savings, which, in 100 years of business, has 2,536 dormant accounts totaling $290,938.07. The task, however, is a never-ending one and through a department, instituted for the purpose, constant search is made and every possibility of a claimant exhausted.

The Seaman's bank is one of many which have similar accounts whose depositors have not been heard of in 20 years or more. After this lapse the accounts become "legally dormant," interest no longer is paid and the banks have use of the money, but not for individual gain.

Up the winding Bowery, in the twilight of the elevated, wander ageless Chinese, men of bearded style, hatless foreign women, pale, old-faced children. Such is the clintele of the Bowery Savings bank where the dormant accounts total $100,000.

Once in this parade, said a bank official, was Mary Ellin, a quaint old char-woman, seventy years old. She had forgotten some of her account in kerchief and threw it into one of his park bags. They returned to Silver City, N. M.

One day, months later, Taylor was cleaning his bags and found some of the red dust. Idly rubbing it between his palms he suddenly noticed many particles of fine gold appearing, as the coarser grains broke away. He went to an assayer to learn that the dust tested $2,100 gold to the ton. In the meantime his Indian guide had died. And for 50 years Taylor has failed to relocate the treasure spot again.

Science May Open Up Fuel Fields of West

Washington.—Extensive lignite fields west of the Mississippi, an area now largely coal importing, may be made commercially productive as fuel by a cheap, carbonizing process developed by the bureau of mines.

The Department of Commerce disclosed in a statement that the bureau has perfected a method of carbonizing raw lignite into briquetted char fuel and the product is believed capable of meeting industrial demands.

Lignite deposits make up nearly one-third of the total solid fuel resources of the country, but as it is mined has insufficient heat units to make its wide use practicable. If the bureau's new process is applied, it is held Western regions now importing coal may be able to utilize the product in their own areas.

Extensive lignite fields lie in North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and Texas. The Commerce department views these deposits of such enormous potential economic value as is seldom recognized. Up to the present the relatively cheap rates on transporting Eastern coal via the Great Lakes has retarded development of the full possibilities of lignite.

Find Bronze-Age Bones in Thames Bed

London.—Skulls and bones of what are believed to have been lake-dwellers of the Bronze age, approximately 2000 B. C., have been found in the bed of the Thames at Sunbury, and Sir Arthur Keith, famous anthropologist pronounces them at least 4,000 years old.

The bones were found about twenty feet below the river bed while excavations were being made for the construction of a new lock, and they consist of a woman's skull; thighbone of a woman about five feet one inch in height; man's left shinbone, and man's right armbone.

The shinbone is flattened with what the scientists call the "squatter's face," showing the man passed much of his time in a crouching position.

Bones of oxen, horses, pigs and red deer also were found, as well as six antlers.

Sir Arthur says the human bones doubtless were those of the lake, or pile, dwellers of the Celtic pre-Roman race of the late Neolithic or early Bronze age.

Panama Tolls

Panama.—Vessels passing through the Panama canal during 1926 paid tolls the aggregate of which is second only to the record year of 1924. The total for the year just closed was $25,901,540.

Bad Times Silence Song of the Volga Boatmen

Astrakhan, Russia. — The Song of the Volga Boatmen" is no longer heard along the great river, where it originated. Formerly the Volga was a stream of romance and laughter, covered with fleets of pleasure and cargo boats, but ten years of war, famine and revolution have changed all that. The caviar and fishing industries have suffered grievously and the hundreds of thousands of villagers who formerly drew their living from the river have turned to farming and other pursuits.

SEEKS "LOST LEAD" FOR HALF CENTURY

Taylor One of Last of Old-Time Prospectors.

Hillsboro, N. M.—After 50 years of search for a "lost lead" of red ore said to have assayed $2,100 gold to the ton, Manuel Taylor, aged but active American-Mexican, who says he is a descendant of Gen. Zachary Taylor, still pokes about this section of the Southwest with two burros, confident that he yet will "strike 'er rich."

His life and the faith that goes with it stamp him as one of the last of that picturesque type—the old-west gold prospector.

Taylor now is eking out a living and saving toward one more grubstake by prospecting and placer mining near Gold Dust, N. M., with a primitive machine he calls "the poor man's concentrator." But he is reputed to have mined on a vast scale at various times in his life and to have made at least six big mineral strikes and spent as many fortunes.

For instance, in 1906-07, when an epidemic of influenza struck this part of the country, Taylor is credited with having bought 155 coffins and paid the funeral expenses of as many of the poor of his community.

Early in the '70's an Indian friend told young Taylor he could lead him to "heap much gold." They outfitted and penetrated the wild San Mattilo mountains country, where they reached a spot from where the Red-skin guided Taylor to a bed of earth much like brick dust and grunted dramatically.

"Here heap much gold!"

Taylor was disappointed to see no trace of gold in it. He was then ignorant of assaying. Later he scraped some of the stuff in a handkerchief and threw it into one of his pack bags. They returned to Silver City, N. M.

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MRS. VINCENT MASSEY

Mrs. Vincent Massey, wife of Canada's new minister to Washington, is well fitted for whatever social duties she may meet. She is the daughter of the late Sir George Parkin, and is the mother of two sons, aged ten and eight.

Good Shot

Bingham, Mass.—Mrs. William A. Wagner is a good shot. One touch at her shotgun and down came a big eagle that was swooping down on her puppy in her back yard. The bird measured nine feet from wing tip to wing tip.

Action Follows

Hempstead, N. Y.—A hand organ and a monkey rudely awoke W. Taylor Chamberlain, a village trustee, at 7 a. m. His fellow trustees have adopted a decree regulating street musicians.

Bouncing Radio Wave Gives Military Secrecy

San Pedro, Calif.—Development of a radio system for naval communication which eliminates the danger of enemy interception of signals and which has value in commercial work, was announced here by Maj. Francis P. Pierce, radio officer of the United States marine corps.

Tests have demonstrated, he said, that a device invented by him is capable of transmitting radio signals so that they can be ricocheted over intervening spaces. In one test a ship transmitted radio signals to a sister ship, while a vessel which steamed between the two was unable to pick up the signals.

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ONAL MENTION

Purdum is right sick.

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for men and boys. and hosiery for Buster Brown for the kiddies.

Blackwell has the con- the erection of a hand- on the estate of Doubleday, who owns the Appo- farm on Appo-

erson was in town ng as high as a proud daddy of latest "edition" ittle girl. Rah, Robertson's will now, potential in

ED—I have Little Oronoko Poco seed for sale at 25c per Burge's Store, Ap-

P. ODOR.

Walton is the pos- certificate for $400 ate C. S. of Amer- 1862. It was is- father the late, T. Appomattox, who in the army.

Childress has two dollar gold pieces, which his had in her possession One was made 1843 in 1850. If any- this county has any older dates, we would like them.

meeting of the directors Appomattox County Nat- Loan Asso., Secre-

tary Clement was directed to take applications for loans promptly at 5 1-4 per cent interest on 54 years time on farm lands. Now is the time to convert you 6 per cent loan into a long time loan of 5 1-4 per cent.

The Chamber of Commerce held a meeting Monday night and re-elected officers for the year. An active program for 1927 is promised and the chamber will meet again on the 14th inst., at which time a start will be made on the 500 membership campaign.

Miss Aileen Houser, of Natural Bridge, Miss Edith Kruger, of Lynchburg, and Miss Dorothy Ferrell, of Bedford, were weekend guests of Miss Elaine McDearmon, at the domitory last week. These young ladies are all former teachers of the school. Miss McDearmon entertained in honor of her guests Saturday evening in a delightful manner.

W. W. Scott has acquired an interest in the Ford Motor Co., here, and J. R. Lawson and E. T. Price have established a Chevrolet agency at Brookneal, Va., and it is expected Messrs. Price and Lawson will soon move their families to Brookneal. These gentlemen are too well kcown to the people of Campbell to be in need of any comendation from us. We are sorry to see them go and wish them success in their new line of endeavor.

ROCKS NEWS

Guess the "Ground Hog" will see his shadow today sure enough.

Misses Ella Epperly and Nellie Dickerson spent the week-end with Miss Dorothy Marsh.

I made a mistake last week when I said some one was at home, when they had not been near home, I'm sorry I made the mistake but couldn't help it.

Oakville was telling last week about some things new the teachers learned during examination time. What about the little boy who when asked what the largest river in North America was, answered "Tain't Mexico, are it?

Tobacco is selling at a ruinous price to the farmers. Co-ops get busy right away!

HONOR ROLLS

MT. COMFORT

6th grade, Gladys Page.
5th grade, Mildred Walton.
4th grade, Ethel Gardner, Elizabeth Gardner, Clyde Phelps, Christian Page.
3rd grade, Katherine Walton.
2nd grade, Edythe Martin, James Martin.
1st grade, Mabel Martin.

EVERGREEN

6th grade, Weselene Young.
6th grade, Terrell Harvey.
4th grade, Evelyn Stewart.
3rd grade, Eunice Mann, Pearl Burnett, Joe Paulette.
2nd grade, Marie Stewart.
Primer, Maude E. Farrar.

Masked Ball

A very delightful masked ball and party was given at the home of Senator and Mrs S. L. Ferguson on Friday evening last.

Each person represented some character and each eagerly sought to win one of the handsome prizes offered for the best make up. H. Y. Spencer was awarded the first prize for men, Knight of the "Moon and Stars" and Miss Rebecca Harvey the prize given to the ladies as "Robin Hood." After the parade, the ball began and while not all danced, a delightful dance was enjoyed by many with music furnished by a special orchestra from Richmond. For those who did not care to dance, games of cards, fortune telling by Gypsy girls and other entertainments were provided. Punch and refreshments were served. The judges of the costumes were Mrs. E. L. Smith, Mrs. C. T. Moses, and Mrs. Erie Glenn.

Misses Flora Lawson, Nell and Emily Harvey gave the party and made gracious and hospitable hostess in their Orential costumes. Miss Lawson appeared as "Butterfly," Miss Nell Harvey as "Powder Puff" and Miss Emily "Colonial."

William T. St. John

William T. St. John, 71 years old, died Monday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Whitney Godsey here, of pneumonia. Funeral took place at Midway church Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. D. G. Trent, assisted by Rev. Mr. Harris, of Cullin's, Va. He was laid to rest in the family cemetery by his mother; he was a great sufferer for many years. A year ago he was paralyzed and had been an invalid ever since. He bore his affliction with great patience. He leaves to mourn their loss, six daughters, and two sons, H. W. St. John, of Cullin's, Va., Mrs. Whitney Godsey and Mrs. Annie Godsey, Appomattox, Mrs. Emma Smith, Mrs. Sallie Lawhorn, Misses Lillie and Virginia and Mr. Willie St. John, of Lynchburg, Va., also two brothers and two sisters of near Phenix.

"A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still.
A place is vacant in our home,
That never can be filled."

Must Serve Term

G. C Stephens will have to serve five years in the penitentiary for breaking into and robbing the home of J. W. Catlett in Buckingham county, the Virginia supreme court of appeals decided today, when it turned down his petition for a writ of error from judgement of the Buckingham court, meting out that penalty. In his petition, Stephens asserted that practically the only evidence against him, was footprints found in the vicinity of the house after the robbery. He contented that this was insufficient to warrant to conviction. Catlett testified that he measured the footprints and found that they tallied exactly with shoes worn by Stephens had on when arrested.

Stephens is alleged to have entered the house through a window and to have stolen $836. According to Catlett, he had previously lent Stephens $25. On that occassion, he said, Stephens accompanied him into the house and saw him pull his pocketbook from between the mattress and tick on his bed, where he was accustomed to keep it.

When Stephens case was first called for trial last October, he failed to put in his appearance. He explained in his petition that he had got on a "severe drunk" and had gone from Lynchburg to Philadelphia without being aware of what he was doing. He had no idea of jumping his bond, he insisted, although the jury which tried him evidently regarded his non-appearance at that time as evidence of his gilt.

Catlett lived on the farm of J. F. Sheppard on the highway between Buckingham Courthouse and Farmville. The robbery occurred September 2, 1926, while Catlett was absent from his house.

Cards of Thanks

We take this method of thanking our friends for their kindness showed us during the illness and death of our father. Also the beautiful floral designs from Lynchburg.

Mrs. Whitney Godsey.

Norfolk & Western

Schedule Effective Nov. 21, 1926

Lve Appomattox, Virginia.

WESTBOUND

2:51 a. m.—For Cincinnati, Columbus and Cincinnati. Parlor car to Bristol (broiler)
5:41 p. m.—For Lynchburg, Roanoke, Bristol

EASTBOUND

6:00 a. m.—For Norfolk and principal inter-mediate stations. Parlor car. (Broiler)
10:00 a. m.—For Richmond, Petersburg and intermediate stations. Parlor car. (Broiler)
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Roanoke, Va.

INDIAN RED BUGS RICHLY ENDOWED

Wealthy Banker Leaves $100,000 for Rest Homes.

Allahabad, India.—One hundred thousand dollars for a home of rest for bugs (the irritating Indian red bug) is the strange legacy left by a Marwari banker millionaire named Seth Buddhimal, who died recently in Sibort state, central India.

Seth Buddhimal set aside a quarter of a million rupees (which is roughly $100,000 real money) for the building and maintenance of three resthouses in Sibort state, in each of which a special room is to be set aside for the preservation of red bugs.

The red bug is a well known Indian pest, encroaching everywhere in railway trains, trolley cars, automobiles, houses, and, in fact, wherever human feet tread, the bug creeps in to disturb the peace and quiet of the evenings. The Sibort banker demanded that in the red bug rooms at his resthouses, poor travelers should be paid for the "service" of sleeping in them at the rate of roughly $1 per two hours.

There is of course a catch in this. If at any time a poor unfortunate bug be found dead, through the unconscious squirming of the paid victim, or otherwise, the traveler loses his dollar.

There are at present some 250 "red bug rooms" in the resthouses of Rajputana state, with the occupants thereof are not paid for the privilege of their company. They are more or less "quarantined" for the benefit of the non-infested travelers who use the resthouses. But while it has been a long standing custom to provide "bug rooms" for resthouses, no such valuable legacy has been left for many years in this part of India, and certainly no such legacy which seemingly considers the feelings of the bugs.

Believe Rich Copper Vein Found in Canada

Timmins, Ont.—Interest is running at fever heat over the first geological report of what may be the biggest copper strike ever made in the north country in the Kamiskotia lake gold area.

"Anything from 60 cents to $30,000,000" was the only declaration of possible wealth George Scott, geologist, would give. "It may be worth a fortune and may be a washout."

Mr. Scott accompanied George Jamieson, prospector, to the district and made a survey of the vein. Comparing it with the Flin Flon and Horne camps, Mr. Scott said in his opinion the Kamiskotia find appeared to have better Prospects. "Every new discovery of sulphides in the area, no matter how small, will be of unusual interest," states the geologist.

He has been in and out of the Kamiskotia lake area three times within the last few weeks, and on his second trip he would have staked a claim on his own behalf in Jamieson township if he had been able to persuade the men accompanying him to cross the Mattagami river on an improvised raft.

London Fog Changes; Even Taste Altered!

London.—London's fog has lost its individuality and some of its taste. Time, or something, seems to have worn the edge clear off of it.

Dickens, who so delightfully described the London mist, would be disappointed were he to see one today. He would not recognize the modern fog any more than he would know the narrow streets which David Copperfield so often trod.

The same old streets wind about in the same old way, but many of them have been widened. This may have something to do with the changing fog, which is not so impenetrable as formerly, but the scientists disagree about the vapor's transformation and its causes.

At any rate, the wider streets are now more easily negotiated even when a fog is at its height. And the old-timers are quite positive that the fog of today tastes much different to that served in the days of Victoria.

War on Prairie Dog Is Finally Victorious

Hot Springs, S. D.—The prairie dog, which since pioneer days had roamed the South Dakota prairies, has suffered the fate of the buffalo and the rattlesnake in the war of extermination in this section of the state. In Fall River county the war of extermination against the rodents is considered practically at an end.

As late as ten years ago the prairie dogs were appallingly numerous. When the campaign to exterminate the animals began, it appeared that the task was a fruitless one. Not only were the rodents discouragingly prolific, but farmers were skeptical or indifferent on the battle of extermination.

Year by year, however, the campaign continued, concentrating on the more infested districts. Farmers in recent years have co-operated in the campaign and many have conducted individual extermination work. Today the prairie dog has become more or less a rare sight in this section.

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PLAN SESQUI SHOW FOR OLD NORTHWEST

Cahokia, Ill., to Be Scene of Brave Doings Again.

Cahokia, Ill.—The historic old Northwest territory will live again here when the Northwest Territory Sesquicentennial exhibition will be held in 1928. Plans are now under way for the sesquicentennial, following the organization of the Northwest territory commission of 100 residents of Cahokia, direct descendants of the early French settlers, and the preparation of incorporation papers by State Representative Thomas L. Pekete of East St. Louis.

Under three flags, the fleur de lis of France, the union jack of Great Britain and the stars and stripes of the United States, the destiny of the territory has been formed for more than 200 years. The states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin now comprise what was then an unbroken wilderness, inhabited by savages, wild beasts and a few traveling missionaries and trudeauxen.

France was there first and stamped her policy and personality so firmly on the region that they were continually cropping out to harass the later American advance. Government under the French and English regimes was minutely paternal and military, but within a very short time after Gen. George Rogers Clark had won the country northwest of the Ohio for the state of Virginia, on the basis of its claim to "conquest" the legislature of Virginia, appointed Col. John Todd as county lieutenant; in the spring of 1779 Todd set up his government, but difficulties arose and he left the country in the fall of 1779 or 1780.

Virginia had been forced to withdraw its support of the Northwest territory because of difficulties at home and the necessity for some sort of government for the unorganized western country had become very urgent.

Government for the territory was contained in the ordinance of 1787, passed July 13 of that year, and on October 5 Gen. Arthur St. Clair was elected the first governor of the Congress of the Confederation at the time the ordinance was passed.

Ohio Sliced Off.

Congress desired to admit Ohio to the Union as soon as possible, so in May, 1800, an act of congress sliced away that state, and all that part lying west of a line beginning at the Ohio opposite the mouth of the Kentucky river and running thence to Fort Recovery and thence north to the Canadian border was called Indiana territory. The census of that year showed only 4,875 persons, exclusive of Indians, living in the territory.

A further division occurred in 1805, when congress detached all that part of the Indian territory north and east of the southern extreme of Lake Michigan and called it the Territory of Michigan.

It was not until February 3, 1809, that the Illinois territory was set off by congress. It was an isolated strip of frontier, extending north from the Ohio to the Canadian border and stretching from the Wabash river to the Mississippi in width, with Kaskaskia as its capital and with practically all of its settlements in the southern part.

Ninian Edwards, chief justice of Kentucky, was appointed its first territorial governor by President Madison in June of the same year.

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